

100 horse-power machine that developed great speed.

Tiesander, Paulhan and Sommer have been chosen as substitutes for the French representatives in the international cup contest if any of those first chosen should be unable to compete.

The wind increased as the day wore on so that by 3 o'clock only seven starts had been made for the Champagne prize. Paulhan, on a Voisin, was the first who succeeded in making a serious flight. He did almost five rounds, or nearly thirty miles, in an hour, with remarkable steadiness. The other six attempts only demonstrated how far from final is the conquest of the air.

De la Grange made almost one round, or six miles, in eight minutes. Bunnau-Variola almost capsized when he descended after going about three-quarters of the way around. La Blanc, on a Blériot machine, went about one-third of one around.

Latham, who received much sympathy because his Antoinette bore No. 13, a number which he chose himself, stuck his aeroplane's nose into the ground in front of the grand stand.

Fournier, against Voisin's advice, tried a flight that ended in a fall, which appeared to be the worst that had yet occurred. The entire right side of his machine was smashed.

No Wright machines started in the morning.

FRENCH DIRIGIBLE BLOWS UP.

Russian Officers Who Were on Trying Out Trip Ducked in the Seine.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—The Clement Bayard airship No. 1 was wrecked to-day during the trials at Maitland. The balloon suddenly burst and the car and its occupants were precipitated into the Seine.

The car contained an engineer and three Russian officers who had been placing orders with the new firm, and who were taking on a trial trip to learn how the airship worked.

The balloon was almost 100 feet up, it was said, when the envelope burst.

Another report had it that the balloon was about to enter its shed after the trial when a sudden gust of wind blew it against telegraph poles that tore its cover. It then lurched against some trees and was almost torn to pieces. Eventually a gust carried it into the Seine.

The occupants of the car kept their places until the wreckage was blown into the river, when they jumped overboard and swam ashore.

The Clement-Bayard was a sister to the airship with which it is intended to sail to England shortly. Its destruction seems to have been partly due to the exhaustion of the petrol and partly to the violence of the wind, but the occupants give varying versions. It certainly was not due to spontaneous combustion.

The gas bag was torn in several places and the car and machinery lay four hours at the bottom of the river before they were recovered. It is stated that the machine can be repaired in two or three weeks. Russia may yet buy the airship as the stipulated conditions were fulfilled prior to the accident.

These included remaining in the air at a height of 1,500 meters for at least an hour. The ship had maneuvered for more than an hour at a height of 1,450 meters, which is said to be a record.

FLIGHT RACE FOR LONDON.

Bleriot and Latham Arrange a Match for \$5,000 Under Aero Club Direction.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—According to the *Figaro*, Bleriot and Latham have arranged a match, to consist of five flights. Some details are yet to be settled, but the match will be under the auspices of the British Aero Club in the vicinity of London. The stake is \$5,000, of which \$4,000 will go to the winner.

ENTERS GREAT BALLOON RACE.

Cortlandt Field Bishop to Fly With Mix in Zurich International.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

Cortlandt Field Bishop, who is at Reims, France, to witness the aerial contests, notified the Aero Club of America, of which he is president, yesterday of his intention to go as aide to E. W. Mix, who will represent America in the international balloon race to be held at Zurich, Switzerland, on October 3.

In the international race of 1907, which started from St. Louis, Mr. Mix was aided by Alfred Le Blanc, who established a duration record of 44 hours 3 minutes and was only about 5½ miles behind Oscar Erbsloh, who won the victory for Germany with his balloon Pommern, landing near Asbury Park, N. J.

In the Zurich races Mr. Mix will pilot the balloon, America III, used by J. C. McCoy last October at Berlin, when America sent three contestants, the other two being A. Holland Forbes and N. H. Arnold.

The international cup, which goes to the club represented by the winner, is accompanied by a cash prize of \$2,500.

WILBUR WRIGHT TO FLY HERE.

Exhibition to Be Given During the Hudson-Fulton Celebration.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

James M. Beck, chairman of the aeronautics committee of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission, made the announcement yesterday that Wilbur Wright had signed a contract with the committee to give exhibition flights here in his aeroplane in connection with the celebration next month. Mr. Beck said:

"I to-day received the contract which Wilbur Wright signed last Saturday with the Hudson-Fulton commission to give a series of flights with his aeroplane during the celebration. This result follows prolonged negotiations. The Wright brothers have previously refused tempting offers from different parts of the world to give exhibition flights. The exhibitions which they have given in France, Italy and latterly in Washington were all in connection with contracts for the purchase of rights under their patents."

"Their willingness to exhibit the biplane in New York is a recognition on their part of the public and patriotic character of the celebration. The achievement of Fulton, which the celebration in part commemorates, could not be more fittingly supplemented than by an exhibition of this latest triumph of man over the forces of nature."

"While the commission had already engaged Mr. Curtiss for a series of flights and has under consideration offers of other distinguished aviators, yet the aeronautics committee feels especially privileged in having the written contract of Wilbur Wright to operate his own machine, not only because he is undoubtedly the foremost aviator in the world, but because he is the Robert Fulton of the air, as he was the first to demonstrate successfully the possibility of mechanical flight through the air by a heavier than air machine."

The committee had originally planned



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WANTS TO FLY OVER WATER.

Willard's Toronto Trip Off for the Present—Expects to Go Later.

The aeroplane Golden Flier, in which Charles F. Willard has been making flights at Mineola, L. I., has been disassembled ready for shipment. It was the intention of Mr. Willard to leave with the machine yesterday for Toronto, but a telegram from Edward T. Tandy, representative of the Aeronautic Exhibition Company, by whom the machine is owned, caused a delay. Mr. Tandy had gone to Toronto several days ago to close a contract for an exhibition of the machine over Lake Ontario, but suitable arrangements could not be made. He is negotiating with other persons, and in all probability the machine will leave New York within the next few days.

The machine has been provided with pontoons for demonstrations over water. L. S. Burridge, chief owner of the aeroplane, said:

"We are particularly desirous to secure contracts for flights over the great lakes, as it entails much less damage than exhibitions over ground. There are no trees, telephone poles and obstructions to interfere with making turns."

WASHINGTON SPROUTS WINGS.

Aeroplane Craze Spreads From War Department Downward.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Officials of the Signal Corps expect to resume aeroplane flights on the new grounds near College Park, Md., a few miles from Washington, within the next week or two days. The grounds have been leased by the War Department and the work of constructing a shed to house the aeroplane has been begun. The Wright aeroplane, which was recently accepted by the Government, is now at Fort Myer and will be moved to the new flat as soon as the shed has been completed. Wilbur Wright, who will instruct the Signal Corps officers in the management of the aeroplane, is at his home in Dayton, Ohio, and will return to Washington shortly to begin the instruction of Lieut. Lahm, Foulis and Humphries, who have been selected to learn how to handle the aeroplane.

The aeroplane flights of the Wright machine under the auspices of the War Department have stimulated the interest of Washington inventors in aerial flight and two local inventors have constructed machines which will soon be given public trials. Henry A. Orme of Brightwood, D. C., a suburb of Washington, has constructed an aeroplane weighing about 100 pounds, which he claims will attain a speed of fifty miles an hour. His machine is similar to that of the Wright brothers, although the steering gear is upon an entirely different principle. J. H. Smidley of this city has built a monoplane weighing about 225 pounds. An 18 horse-power engine furnishes the power. The framework of the machine is of bamboo.

KOOTENAY FIRES CHECKED.

Heavy Rains Give Relief—The Lumbermen's Fight—Cranbrook's Close Call.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 23.—A steady downpour of rain in the West Kootenay and Fernie districts all last night has checked the forest fires. The fires, however, are still smoldering around Homer, Michel, Fernie, Coal Creek, Morrissey, Jeffrey, Cranbrook, Morley and Creston.

The managers of the lumber companies are spending large sums of money in employing men to fight the fires. This is a hard task, as at times the wind blows a gale. The most serious fires occurred in East Kootenay.

The city of Cranbrook was threatened yesterday to such an extent that many people buried their valuables in their yards in anticipation of a general conflagration.

No Trace of the Warship.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—The cruiser Pandora has returned without having discovered any trace of the missing steamer Waratah.

The Waratah sailed from London for Port Natal on July 26.

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DIAZ HAS GEN. REYES BEATEN

TROOPS GOING TO WATCH HIM—OR MAYBE TO THE BORDER.

Signs of Serious Plotting in Texas—Arms Run Across the Rio Grande—Phases of Mexico's Political Struggle—Repression Causes Sympathy.

MONTREY, Mexico, Aug. 23.—Cavalry has left Monterey, Monte Morelos and Saltillo for Galeana, where Gen. Bernardo Reyes is in retreat, to reinforce the troops already there. Reyes has offered no resistance to the Government and shows no inclination to make trouble. Thinking people are disgusted at the attitude of the Government showing such force toward him simply because his friends are booming him for Vice-President.

There is a general tendency, by way of, among his followers in this city, to acknowledge that he is defeated and hundreds of business men are said to have turned over to the other side and give as their excuse for having supported him, that his power is broken, that they have until the arrival of Gen. Trevino as zone commander feared to speak a word which could be construed against him. Residents of this city as a rule express their confidence in the ability of Gen. Trevino to maintain peace under any circumstances, but very few expect trouble unless the Federal troops start it.

The Reyes supporters are not starting a revolution. They merely want a chance to vote for their candidate. They are asking for a free ballot. There are said to be about four thousand soldiers in the city proper and some five thousand within call on the outside.

Much unrest has been caused in this city during the last day or two by rumors of revolution said to be starting from the Texas side of the Rio Grande between Laredo and Brownsville, in which section there are few American troops on duty. A resident of this city, who has just returned from the Brownsville country, said to-day that it would not be at all surprising if the rumors were true, as there was much excitement in that section with many refugees from Mexico.

This is where the Garza Mexican revolution originated back in the '90s. There are stories current in this city telling of the introduction by night of large quantities of ammunition from the United States which it was thought was sneaked across the border with the connivance of customs agents in coalition with the revolutionists. There are reports to be thousands of Mexicans under the direction of various political juntas with headquarters in Texas hiding along the border just ready when the signal is given to cross over and enter into the fight against their country.

While these reports are by many branded as malicious and untrue, excitement is high and every one in the city is arming himself and getting ready for the worst. The section in which the revolutionists are reported as gathering is one of the worst along the entire Rio Grande. Armed men live a free life there and it is looked upon as the last stand of the "bad man" in Texas. Texas cattle rustlers and Mexican bandits and political soldiers of fortune find a haven there, and it is among these that the revolutionists are said to be securing recruits.

It is believed to-night that the troops that have been moving so alertly in this section and which many have supposed were sent to surround Reyes, have not all gone there, but some have been despatched in the direction of the reported revolutionary forces. Nothing can be gained officially from the Mexican commanders. Gen. Trevino, commander of the military district, simply says:

"There is no unusual activity of troops in Mexico. It is merely the annual changing of stations, just like you have in the United States."

Intensity is added to the existing feeling by the high handed manner in which the Government is cleaning out all Gen. Reyes's friends from office. Idefonso Zambrana has been asked to resign as Mayor of this city and an anti-Reyes man is to be put in. At Saltillo Pablo de Les Santos has been asked to resign as Mayor, so that an anti-Reyes, anti-Cardenas man can be put into office.

With the removal of the Mayors will also come the removal of the minor officials, and in a short time there will be no Reyes men in office.

"When will we ever get a fair ballot?" ask the Reyes men.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 23.—A despatch from Torreon says that José Ignacio Rebolador, secretary of the Revista Club of that port, and a number of his followers have been arrested and placed in jail charged with attempting to incite a riot. Much political excitement exists in that part of the State of Coahuila, the despatch says.

The political situation in the State of Yucatan is now receiving the attention of the Federal authorities. It is announced in reports from Merida that Gen. Gueriel, the candidate of the Diaz-Corral administration for reelection as Governor, is not the choice of the people of the State. This was shown by the fact that a petition was circulated in his behalf received only thirty-six signatures.

The supporters of Gen. Reyes are preparing to put up a candidate for Governor and will make a strong stand for an open election, it is said.

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"MOREY LETTER" MAN DEAD.

Charles A. Byrne Dies After an Operation in a Jersey City Hospital.

Charles Alfred Byrne, journalist and playwright, who figured prominently in the Garfield campaign of 1880 as publisher of the newspaper in which appeared the forged Morey letter purporting to give Gen. James A. Garfield's views on the question of Chinese labor, died yesterday in St. Francis Hospital, Jersey City. He was taken ill on Sunday at the Union House in Brielle, N. J., where he was spending the summer with his wife. He was hurried to the hospital and died shortly after an operation for appendicitis.

Byrne had a strenuous career as a publisher. Between 1875 and 1884 he started five publications, of which the most prominent financially was called the *Drum*. He lived a little more than three years. In 1879 he started a daily paper called *Truth*. In the Garfield-Hancock campaign Byrne published in *Truth* a letter purported to be a letter from James A. Garfield to H. L. Morey of Lynn, Mass., containing a paragraph to the effect that individuals or companies had the right to buy labor where they could get it. He was charged with libel and was arrested and indicted on a charge of criminal libel. It was proved that no such person as H. L. Morey existed and that the letter was forged for political effect. Byrne and his associates were not prosecuted, and *Truth* soon afterward passed from Byrne's control.

Byrne started the *Drum* in 1883 and the *Journalist* in 1881, to none of which came any great measure of success. He then turned his attention to writing comic operas and plays, writing and producing several of which he published two small papers called the *Playgoer* and *Opera*.

Byrne was born in London, England, and was educated in Brussels and at the *Le Havre* in France. He was a first wife a comic opera singer named Norman. In 1901 she sued him for divorce. He later married Grace Belasco, who was mentioned in connection with the *Drum* case. He was divorced from her at the time he died. They had no children.

MRS. ROBERT POTTS DIES.

Wife of Retired Rear Admiral Stricken With Apoplexy on Steamer.

Mrs. Fannie Griffith Potts, wife of Rear Admiral Robert Potts, retired, of Washington, died in St. Vincent's Hospital last night of apoplexy. She was in a dying condition in a stateroom on the Atlantic Transport Line steamer *Minnetonka* when it anchored off Quarantine early yesterday morning.

A wireless had been sent from the ship before it reached Quarantine urging Father Dooley of Fordham University to meet the ship and administer the last rites of the Church. The priest reached the side of the dying woman and read the prayers before she was removed in an ambulance to St. Vincent's Hospital.

Mrs. Potts, who sailed from London on August 14 with her husband and her daughter, had seemed to be in good health when the voyage was commenced, but on the second day out of port she was taken suddenly ill. Dr. W. J. Hill, the ship's surgeon, diagnosed her trouble as a blood clot on the brain. Mrs. Potts grew worse until on the night before the *Minnetonka* reached port she lapsed into a coma from which she could not be roused.

Thomas J. Leary, a son, met Rear Admiral Potts and the sick woman at Quarantine and he accompanied them to St. Vincent's Hospital. She died at 6 o'clock. Mrs. Potts was a native of Baltimore and had resided in New York for many years. Rear Admiral Potts was retired in 1897.

Thomas J. Leary Dies Suddenly.

Thomas J. Leary of Thomas J. Leary & Co., gunsmiths and hardware merchants, and a member of the Hardware Club, dropped dead in front of 3 New Chambers street last night. Mr. Leary lived with his family at 212 West 127th street and had his office at 80 Chambers street. He was 62 years old.

Obituary Notes.

Abraham D. Bennett, 97 years old, died yesterday of dropsy at his home, 233 Greene Bay, 112, was of an old Irish family, and years before the civil war he was captain of a marine company of Queens County, N. Y. Bennett gave up his farm in Oyster Bay and came to Brooklyn, where he went into the dairy business. He was married three times and had twenty-three grandchildren and forty-two great-grandchildren.

Cornelius W. Conklin, private secretary to the Treasurer of the Western Union Telegraph Company, died in Peekskill last night. Mr. Conklin's home was at 256 Fifty-fourth street, Brooklyn. He was spending his vacation with his family at Peekskill. Mr. Conklin was born in Brooklyn in 1860 and had been in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company for twenty years. Fifteen years he had been secretary of the Catholic Knights of America. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

Henry Dean Fuller of Bayonne was taken ill on Sunday while riding in an automobile near Bridgeport, Conn., with his brother, Albert Fuller, who died in a drug store. He was secretary of the Genesee and Wyoming Railroad Company and of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Mrs. Mary Jane Babcock, widow of Capt. John J. Babcock, who had charge of the *Porter* for many years, died in Bayonne yesterday, aged 72 years. Since the death of her husband she had made her home with her son-in-law, former Councilman Niemann.

Anonymous Arrest Bogus.

August Gerby of 190 West Twenty-fifth street, who was arrested on August 19 because an anonymous writer had informed the police that he had had a part in the death of Victoria Berardi, who was shot through the heart on August 16 in her room at 109 West Twenty-fifth street, was released yesterday by Magistrate Barlow in the Tombs police court after Detective Cavane had admitted that the police had been unable to connect Gerby in any way with the crime. The anonymous writer had promised further particulars of the evidence against Gerby, but the detective said, but these had not been forthcoming.

NEW HUSBAND GOT HER MONEY

MRS. KEELER OF BROOKLYN GAVE HIM \$13,100.

Met Him at Ocean Grove July 8, Married Him at Glen Falls on the 18th and Lost Him at Grand Central Station on the 41st—Jerome Notified.

Charles Pope Caldwell, a lawyer at 42 Broadway, announced yesterday that in behalf of his client, Mrs. Henry Bryan Keeler of 24 Vernon avenue, Brooklyn, he has got the police and the District Attorney to help him find Mrs. Keeler's recently acquired husband. If the search is successful, the lawyer says, Mrs. Keeler will sue to annul her marriage and for conversion of her property. The wife also wants to prosecute her husband criminally.

Mr. Caldwell said that up to July 13 Mrs. Keeler was Wilhelmina Lynch, widow of Walter E. Lynch, who left her about \$15,000 worth of property when he died several years ago. She is 48 years old and has a young grandson. She took her grandson to Ocean Grove on July 3 to spend the Fourth. She was sitting on the lawn of one of the hotels there when her attention was directed to an attractive man about 50 years old, who was talking with the boy.

The widow finally joined in the conversation, her lawyer said, and it wasn't long before the man told her about himself. He said that he was Harry Bryan Keeler, a mining promoter, with an anaesthetic mine in Mexico. He was an entertaining talker.

Mrs. Lynch exchanged cards with him and told him she was going up to the Adirondacks the next week. She invited him to call on her at her Brooklyn home before she left. She went home the next day. Presently she got a letter from Keeler saying that he and his sister intended going to the Adirondacks. He suggested that they go together. Mrs. Lynch liked the plan and they started the next day, stopping first at Lake George.

By the time they got to Glen Falls on the 18th, Mrs. Lynch and Keeler had decided to be married. When Keeler got his license he said he was a mining promoter and that he was born in Chicago forty-nine years ago. They were married on that day.

Mrs. Lynch-Keeler says that her husband asked her to keep their marriage a secret from his sister because she knew he was very rich and expected to get all his money from the mines. He told her that he had decided to break the news to his sister.

They went over to Mrs. Keeler's Brooklyn home and a letter came there from Keeler's sister, Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, that she just knew Keeler's new wife was an adventuress who had only married him for his money. Keeler appeared to Mrs. O'Shaughnessy over this letter and tore it up, declaring that he had every confidence in his wife.

Mrs. Keeler says that soon after the letter episode her husband suggested that they go out to Los Angeles to live where he could look after vast mining interests. He told his wife that as her money was invested largely in mortgages she could easily sell them and get \$13,100. He suggested that she sell the money in California. He also told her not to say anything to her son about moving away, because she was old enough to know her own mind.

Then Mrs. Keeler said she fell